



Annapolis Education Commission

May 25, 2022; 6:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

1) Vice-Chair Booth called the meeting to order at 6:15 pm

2)The following members were present on roll call: Vice-Chair Booth, Weaver, Collison-Lee, Mackall, Pachler, Bukowski (non-voting member) **The following members were absent on roll call:** Golder, Chair Ochs, Matthews, Starkes, Norman (voting proxy assigned to Vice-Chair Booth), Ald. Finlayson

With the assigned proxy, Vice-Chair Booth verified that a quorum was present to conduct business.

3)There were no objections to accept and approve the agenda.

4)There were no objections to accept and approve the minutes.

5)No public testimony was presented.

6)Committee Updates:

Transportation: The BOE policy to opt in for bus transportation to school may impact achievement levels for those households not reached or those who are unable to access necessary technology/documents. Families must respond to opt in no later than June 24, 2022 and have been advised that failure to opt in will prevent those students from using the bus transportation anytime during the 22-23 school year. The commission discussed concerns that many families will be excluded. This presents a barrier for learning when our students are unable to be transported to school thus perpetuating chronic absenteeism. In clusters such as the Annapolis cluster, absenteeism is a school improvement goal at most of the schools.

Jess Pachler moved and Jayme Weaver seconded the following motion: *The Annapolis Education Commission requests that Anne Arundel County Public Schools automatically opt in for transportation for the 22-23 School Year all students who attend Title I schools; all students who qualify for FARMS; and, all students who are identified as English Language Learners.*

Motion CARRIED on role call vote: Weaver **Yes**; Collison-Lee **Yes**; Mackall **Yes**; Booth **Yes**;

Pachler **Yes**; Ellis **Yes**; Norman (by proxy vote) **Yes**.

7)Unfinished Business

The commission began discussion centering on the logistics of implementation of the motion CARRIED during the meeting of April 27: *The Commission request that City Council add 3 full-voting student positions to the Annapolis Education Commission for one year terms, representing Annapolis High, Annapolis Middle and Bates Middle. Quorum will be defined to contain at least 1/3 of seated members present.* At issue is also a potential amendment to separate the sentences into two motions. There being no objection, further discussion was tabled until the next meeting (June 22) when more commissioners are expected to be in attendance.

8)New Business: Elections

Vice-Chair Booth presented the slate of officers for the Annapolis Education Commission: Janet Norman for Chair; Laura Booth for Vice-Chair; Pam Bukowski for Secretary. A motion was made by Jess Pachler and seconded by Enid Collison-Lee to accept the slate of nominations as presented. Motion CARRIED on role call vote: Weaver **Yes**; Collison-Lee **Yes**; Mackall **Yes**; Booth **Yes**; Pachler **Yes**; Ellis **Yes**; Norman (by proxy vote) **Yes**. Commissioners whose terms expire June 2022 should contact the commission Chair to indicate if they wish to continue in their position.

9)Additional Items

a. Dr. Tobin was unable to attend the meeting to provide an update on the search for AACPS superintendent.

b. It was noted and briefly discussed that Annapolis High School is over capacity with about 2200 students but there are no immediate plans according to the most recent MGT study to pursue any kind of renovations, additions, etc. for several years.

c. Jess Pachler gave a shout-out to the sailing ship “The Maiden” for outreach to our local schools and students while harbored in Annapolis. The ship is currently on a world tour to fulfill the mission to empower women and girls through educational opportunities in STEM. The Community Schools program helped to organize and facilitate this opportunity for many of our students to tour the boat, meet and speak with the sailors (all women), and to make the connection that water is an integral part of our Annapolis heritage.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Enid Collison-Lee and seconded by Jess Pachler to adjourn the meeting. With no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m. The next meeting will be held Wednesday, June 22, at 6:00 p.m.

Submitted by;
Pamela Bukowski

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